



EIR/EIS
Public Scoping Meeting

**Squaw Valley – Alpine
Meadows Base-to-Base
Gondola**

Joint Public Scoping Meeting
May 9, 2016

Welcome and Introductions

Placer County (CEQA – EIR)

- Heather Beckman, Associate Planner
- Sean Bechta (EIR Consultant), Ascent Environmental

United States Forest Service – (NEPA – EIS)

- Joanne Roubique, Truckee District Ranger
- Kent Sharp (EIS Consultant), SE Group

Applicant – Squaw Valley Ski Holdings LLC

- Jim Spenst, Squaw-Alpine Project Manager
- Adrienne Graham, Environmental & Planning Consultant



Meeting Format

1. Presentations

2. Information Tables

- Project
- Process (CEQA and NEPA)
- Technical Issues

3. Public Comments

CEQA

Environmental Review Processes

■ What is CEQA / EIR (Placer County)?

- Purpose
- Entitlements or Permits Required
 - Certification of EIR
 - Conditional Use Permit (CUP)
 - Squaw Valley General Plan Amendment
 - Parking Variance - TBD



Public Scoping Meeting - CEQA

CEQA Scoping –Placer County

- Introduce project to interested agencies and public
- Allow for formal public comment
- Goal: Identify potentially significant effects and alternatives for study in the EIR
 - Not to discuss merits of Project



NEPA

Environmental Review Processes

- What is NEPA/EIS (United States Forest Service)?
 - Purpose
 - Entitlements or Permits Required

Public Scoping Meeting - NEPA

NEPA Scoping-United States Forest Service

- Introduce project to interested agencies and public
- Allow for formal public comment



Formal Public Comment Opportunities

CEQA – Placer County

1. Scoping Meeting May 9, 2016 (written or verbal)
2. Scoping period April 22 – May 23, 2016(written)
3. Draft EIR comment period
4. Public Hearing on Final EIR and Project Decision (Planning Commission/Board of Supervisors)

NEPA – Tahoe National Forest

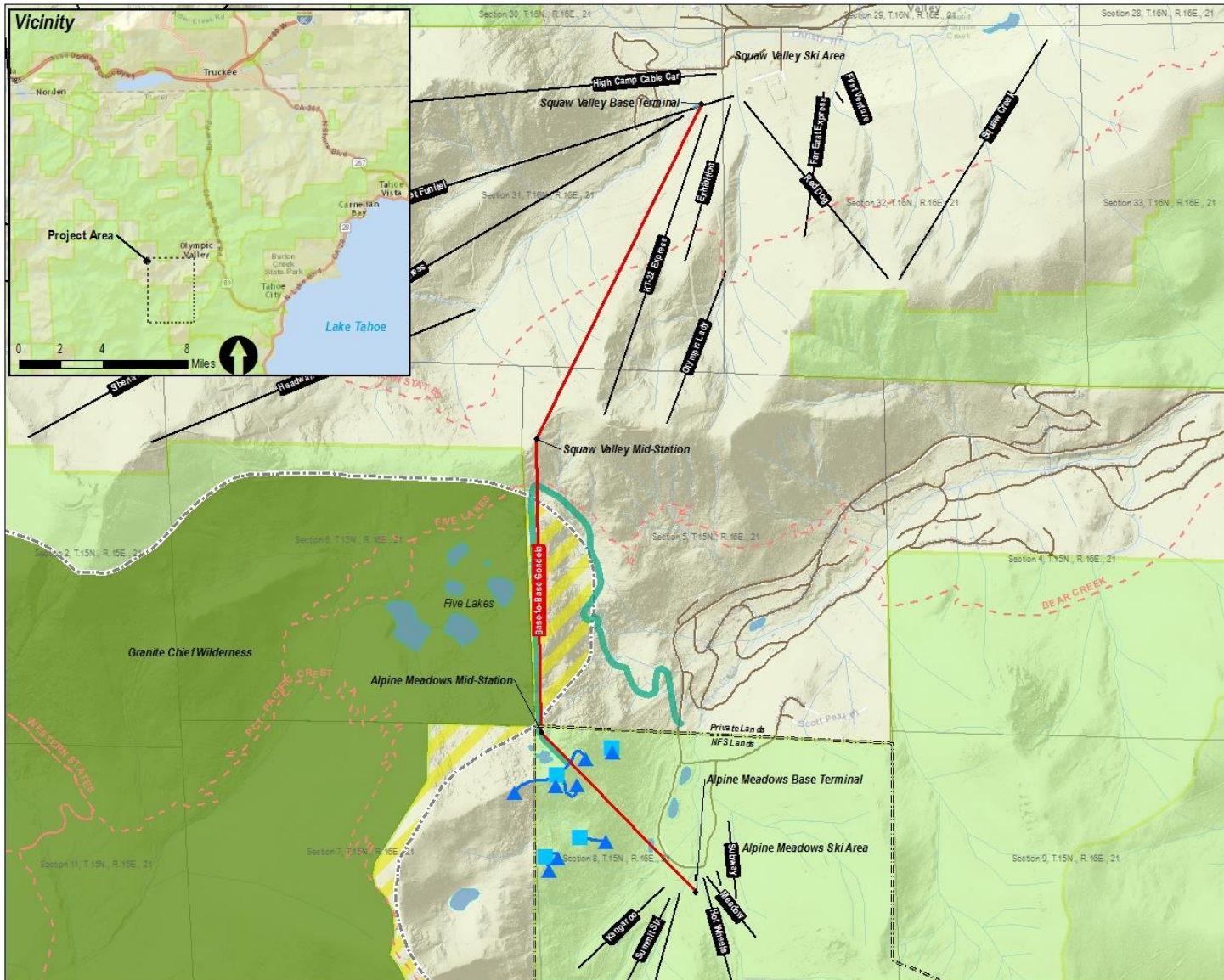
1. Scoping Meeting May 9, 2016 (written or verbal)
2. Scoping period April 29 – May 31, 2016 (written)
3. Draft EIS comment period
4. Objection Period on the Final EIS and Draft Record of Decision



Providing Scoping Comments

Placer County CEQA Process	Forest Service NEPA Process
Verbal comment at May 9, 2016 scoping meeting	Verbal comment at May 9, 2016 scoping meeting
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Via Email to: cdraecs@placer.ca.gov	Project Website: http://squawalpinegondola-eis.com/comment/
Shirlee Herrington, Environmental Coordination Services Community Development Resource Agency 3091 County Center Drive, Suite 190 Auburn, CA 95603	Via Email to: scoping_comment@squawalpinegondola-eis.com
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	NOI Due Date: May 31, 2016





Squaw Valley | Alpine Meadows Base-to-Base Gondola Proposed Action

Proposed Action Overview

Existing Conditions

- Lifts
- National Forest System Trails
- Roads
- Special Use Permit Area
- National Forest System Lands
- Congressionally-Designated Granite Chief Wilderness Boundary
- National Forest System Land within Wilderness Boundary
- Private Lands within Wilderness Boundary
- Pond/Lake

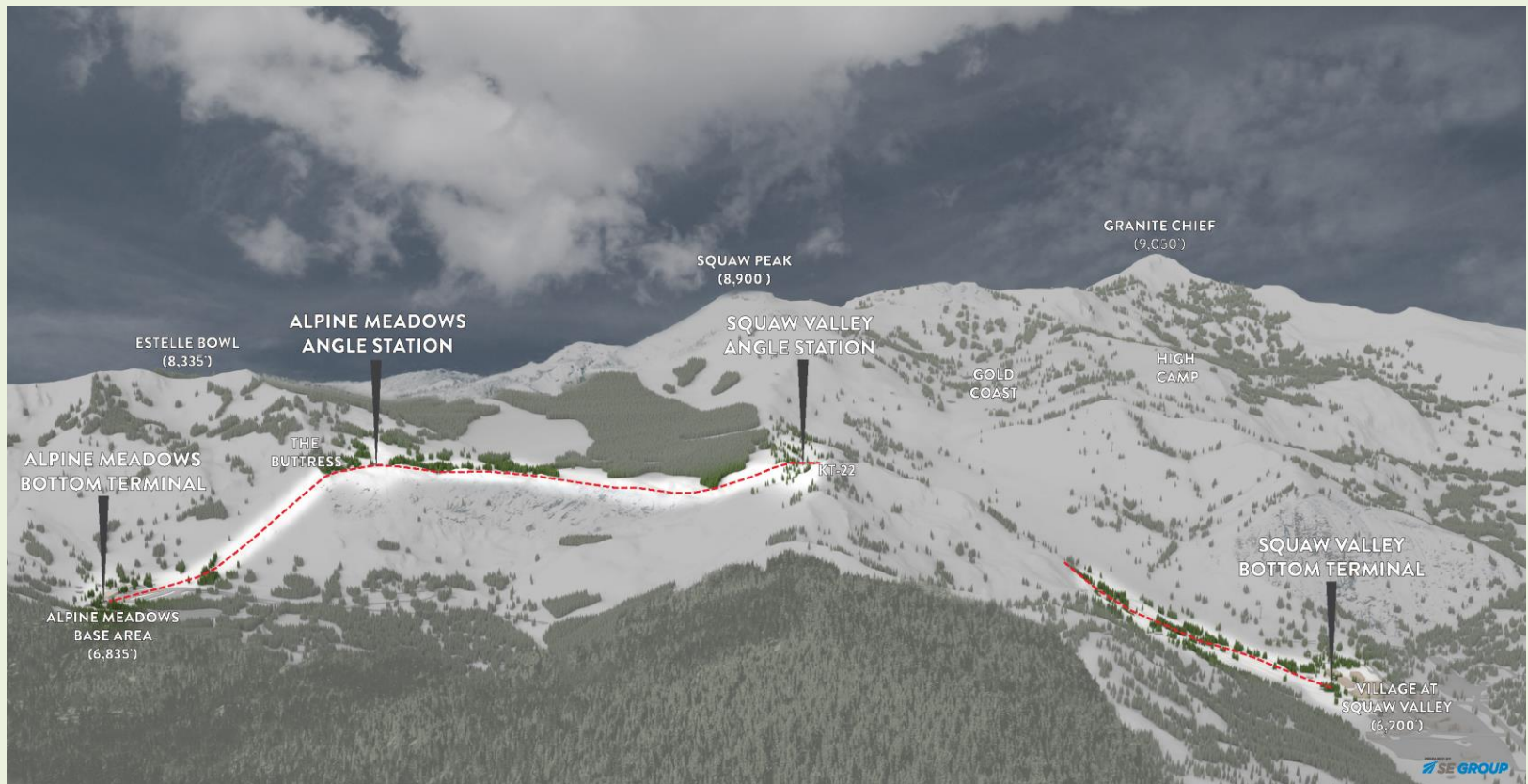
Proposed Projects

- Gazex Shelter
- Gazex Exploder
- Gazex Pipe
- Base-to-Base Gondola
- Construction Access Route (approximate)



Date: April 2016
NAD 1983, State Plane, California II (feet)
Lines represented on this map are approximate
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Gondola Alignment Perspective



Gondola Statistics



- Passenger cabins accommodate 8 people
- Capacity: 1,400 people per hour in each direction
- Length: approximately 13,000 feet
- Ride time: approximately 16 minutes
- Two mid-stations
- Operated during the ski season only

Terminal Example



Mid-Station Example



GazEx[®] Avalanche Control



- Eight exploders at Alpine Meadows
- Four shelters
- Gazex currently operational at Squaw Valley



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- Comments provided today go to both the County and USFS. Other scoping comments must be provided to each agency separately.

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Thank You